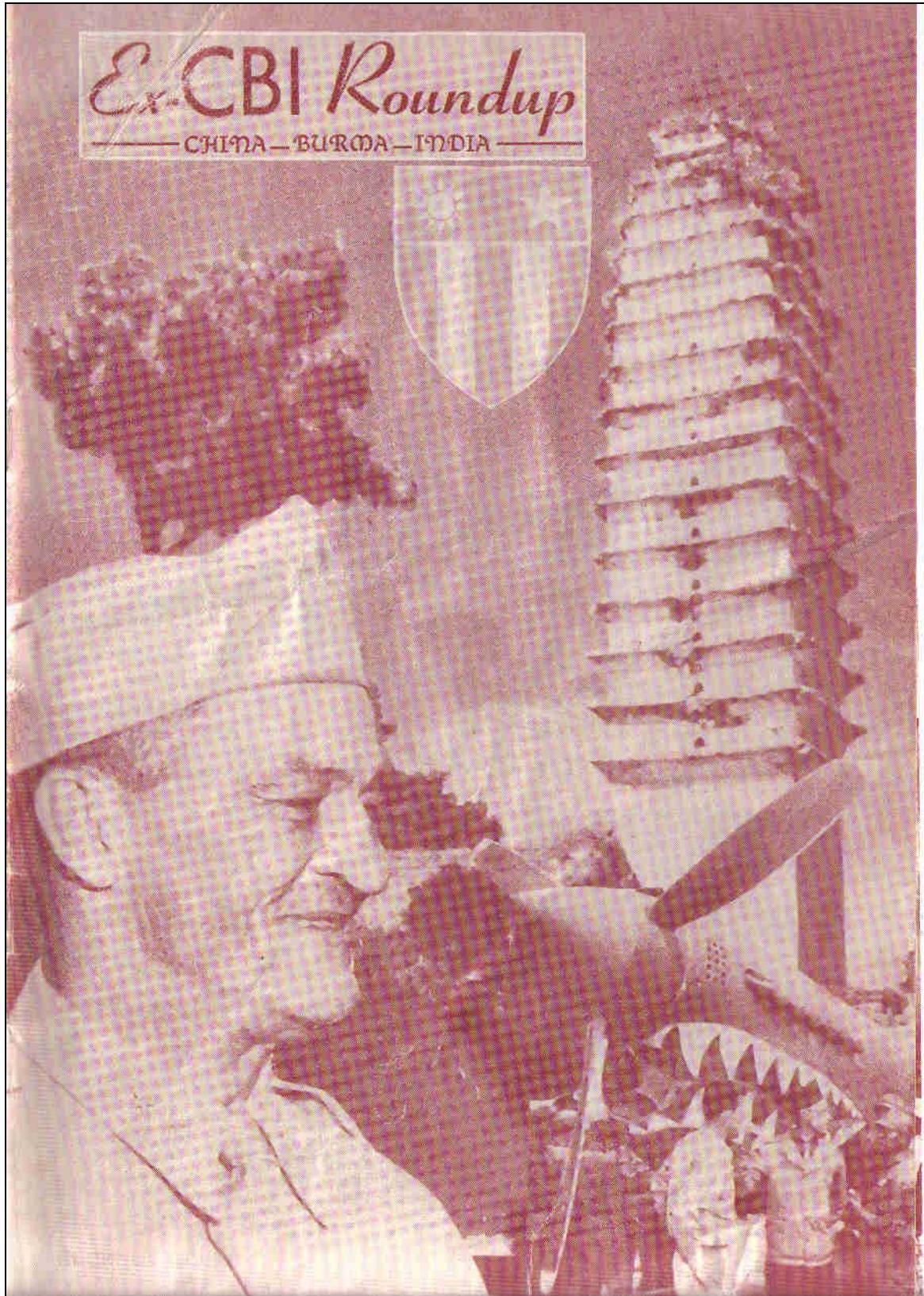


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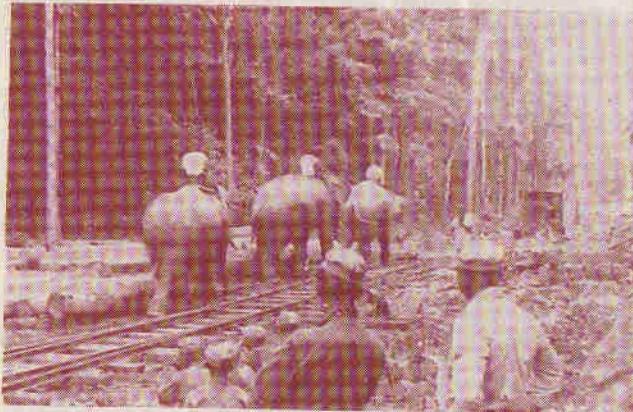




THE OLD, BUT beautiful world-famed Taj Mahal hotel at Bombay. Note the air raid shield along the ground floor. Photo by J. M. Deshotels.



ONE OF THE better stretches of highway on the Ledo Road near Shingbwiyang. Because of the monsoon, U. S. Army engineers didn't know from one day to the next whether the road would be passable. Photo by J. M. Deshotels.



ELEPHANTS DID the work of heavy equipment in handling logs which were used by Army Engineers for various projects. The above three elephants, with their native masters, are on their way to the job. Photo by C. J. Quinn.



Indian Bugs!

• Now doing graduate work in entomology at the U. of Minn. Wish I could have just one night's supply of the bugs that used to make life miserable in the switchboard room of the 1111th Signal Co. at Sylhet!

ELLICOTT McCONNELL,
N. Stonington, Conn.

Want Rice Birds

• I would like to obtain a pair of Rice Birds, carved from buffalo horn, about 9 or 10-inches in height. A relative has spotted a pair that I have and has since been raising the devil for a duplicate set.

A. R. QUILLINAN,
Box 311,
Cassville, Mo.

Indian Bookkeeper?

• This makes the second dollar I have sent this year. I think you must have an Indian keeping your records out there!

HELEN J. CASEY,
Boston, Mass.

Indian, indeed! We can't afford such high-priced help!
—ED.

Gloversville Basha

• We had one grand time at the first meeting of our newly organized Basha, Gloversville, N.Y. Will send send a photo of our members soon.

JOSEPH MECCA,
Gloversville, N.Y.

No Monthly

• Enjoy The Roundup very much, but when or if it becomes a monthly I am afraid I shall have to give it up. We already get more magazines than we can afford and have time to read.

Mrs. R. M. PRICE
Pittsburg, Pa.

How about a compromise to bi-monthly for \$1.50 per year?—ED.

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To the Editor . . .

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Shout Praise!

• . . . praise that I would shout (1) I still think General Stilwell a great General and a great man. (2) I still admire and respect General Chennault. (3) I would vote the 14th Air Force the best d . . n outfit in 6 years of service.

JAMES M. VIETH,
San Francisco, Calif.

Lecture Tour

CBIVA Commander Ellsworth Green, Jr., plans to schedule a lecture tour for U. Ahmed Ansari, Attaché of the Embassy of Pakistan. Any CBI veterans groups who would like to hear Mr. Ansari's talk and can guarantee a satisfactory audience, should contact Green, 727 Minnesota, Kansas City, Kans.

No Argument!

• Here's my argument to end the argument about who or which outfit arrived in India first. The latest dope seems to be that the good ship Katoomba arrived at Karachi in February, 1942. Well, I was in India in 1940, as a civilian, of course, as a visitor. Does this not give me claim to the distinction of being the first American to arrive in India?

BERT SUMMERS,
Richmond, Va.

It does not! The dispute (June-Sept. issues) concerned which U. S. Army outfit arrived in India during the war. Fact is, thousands of American tourists could claim the distinction prior to 1940. Incident closed.—ED.

Too Small!

• Received the June issue and certainly enjoyed it. Only trouble was it didn't seem large enough, or maybe I just enjoyed it so much it seemed to be too small.

CLARK PEACH,
Detroit, Mich.

For Atmosphere!

• I have wondered if sometime there could be a big get-together of CBI personnel here in the East? It would be nice to have one in New York City sometime when the temperature is about 120 degrees as we had it in India.

Chas. Cunningham, M.D.,
Vineland, N.J.

Colonel Cunningham should have attended the First Annual CBI Reunion at Milwaukee in 1948 if it's atmosphere he wants. Even Milwaukee Mayor Zeidler and Governor Peterson (Nebr.) removed their ties with the rest of us.—ED.

New Officers

Ernest F. Brose, Lena, Ill., has been appointed National Service Officer for the CBIVA to replace Lt. Col. Lionel L. Layden who resigned upon receiving orders for duty in the South Pacific.

A second appointment by CBIVA Commander Ellsworth Green, Jr., named William F. Brown, Sedalia, Mo., as National Historian.

Brose, now an insurance agent and broker, was a B-24 pilot in China and India. He flew bombing missions from Kunming, Luliang and Kwanghan, later flew gasoline over the Hump from Teppur and Rupsi.

Brown served with the First Transport Group at Chabua, India, is now prosecuting attorney for Pettis County, Mo.

Commander Green expressed his sincere regrets at the resignation of Lt. Col. Layden. "It is my hope that we will be able to make use of his services after he has returned to the United States," Green stated.

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GEORGE N. RYDER

My commission expires November 21, 1949.

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If your subscription has expired, notation will be made in this space. You may use coupon on page 23 to send in your renewal.

Read "IMPORTANT NOTICE" on Page 23.

Picture Book On China Soon

A timely book of photographs, with text, on life in China the first of its kind in more than 20 years, will shortly be ready for publication.

The result of collaboration between the noted British author, Robert Payne, and the documentary photographer, Sydney L. Greenberg of New York, the Volume, tentatively titled "China Dream," will contain 55 story-telling photographs, supplemented by an acutely observant interpretive text.

Payne and Greenberg met for the first time in New York after the war, and discovered they had lived in and traveled through the same parts of China during the war years. On examining Greenberg's collection of more than 1,000 photographs, Payne noted they were in complete harmony with many of the ideas Payne wanted to express in words. Thus the decision to produce an unusual picture book.

Greenberg, now photo editor for Ex-CBI Roundup, was a U.S. Army photographer stationed in Western China with the 164th Signal Photo Co., and later traveled through the Eastern Provinces to the coast.

Small World!

• Sure grand reading letters from Joes in my old outfit, and a cousin of mine spotted one of mine in print. So, you see—it's a small world we live in! Pictures are super-duper. The poems good reading matter. Picture story on the Mars Task Force in the Sept. issue was very interesting and done up by John Randolph real good.

JOSEPH SURDI,
Ozone Park, N.Y.

Too Much China!

• In past issues there is too much concerning unknown outfits in China.

JACK P. SISCO,
N. Hollywood, Calif.

EX-CBI ROUNDUP

CHINA AIR TASK FORCE

LONG before the United States entered World War II, Claire Lee Chennault submitted his retirement from the U.S. Army and in May, 1937, accepted a three-month mission to make a confidential survey of the Chinese Air Force for Madame Chiang Kai-shek at a salary of \$1,000 per month, plus expenses.

Chennault's three-month mission resulted in an eight-year stay in China during which time he founded the American Volunteer Group—famed as the Flying Tigers—and later became a Major General commanding the U.S. 14th Air Force in China.

General Chennault's Flying Tigers during the first few years of the U.S. entry into the Pacific conflict became synonymous with "Air Victory."

According to Chennault's record, as portrayed in his book, "Way of a Fighter," the AVG and 14th Air Force was responsible for the following havoc wreaked on the Japanese: 2,600 enemy planes destroyed, 1,500 probably destroyed; sunk and damaged 2,230,000 tons of enemy merchant shipping, 44 naval vessels and 13,000 river boats under 100 tons, killed 66,700 enemy troops and knocked 573 brigades.

Its best testimonial came from the man who suffered worst at the Flying Tigers' hands—Lt. Gen. Takahashi, commander of the Japanese forces in Central China. After the war Takahashi said, "Considering all the difficulties my armies encountered in China, including guerrillas,

CHINESE students of Kunming War College give a Flying Tiger Ship the once-over. Photo by Syd Greenberg.



ground armies, lack of supply, difficult terrain non-cooperation of the Chinese, I judge the operations of the 14th Air Force to have constituted between 60 and 75 per cent effective opposition in China. Without the air force we could have gone anywhere we wished."

Of this General Chennault said, "It was a record of which every man who wore the Flying Tiger shoulder patch can be proud."

Without question of a doubt, of all inconveniences suffered by CBI veterans, those who served in China encountered the most obstacles. Any China-based GI will tell you his P-X rations were slow in arriving, never too plentiful, and many times didn't arrive at all due to priority given arms, supplies and troops via air transport. His supply route was in the hands of his comrades on the other side of The Hump—in India.

Early in the war, the experts wrote off China as finished when the Japanese took Burma and cut the last land line of supply. "They said the air line across the Hump was impractical and impossible," General Chennault declared in his book. Yet, the airmen of the Air Transport Command and China National Aviation Corporation did the impossible by flying more than a million tons across the Hump and kept China going on airborne supply for as long as was necessary.

With 250 men and \$3,000,000 Chennault and his A.V.G. smashed the Japanese air force over China and kept bombs off Chinese cities for the first time in three years. Organization of the 14th Air Force in 1942 brought fresh teamwork which resulted ultimately in the now famous victories of World War II.

The photos on these pages are not an attempt to tell the complete story of the U.S. Air Force in China. They merely bring back memories in incidents, familiar scenes and a few of the highlights of the CBI veteran in China.

To the CBI vet who did not fly The Hump from India to China, the photos in this article will either (1) make you wish you had the opportunity to serve with the 14th Air Force, or (2) make you feel happy that you didn't get over to the China side, having seen enough of India to last you a lifetime.

Our sincere thanks to the many Round-up subscribers who provided us with the pictures illustrating this article.

Flying Tigers



GENERAL Chennault and Sgt. Robert Naves admire new Flying Tigers insignia, which consists of a winged Bengal tiger with bared teeth and out-thrust claws, ← → on a circular field of blue, beneath the star of the U.S. Army Air Forces. The emblem was adopted for wear on flight jackets and shoulder patch. Air Force photo.

AWAITING arrival of visiting dignitaries at Kunming Airfield are (left to right) Gen. Chennault; Brig. ← → Gen. Worth; and Maj. Gen Cheeves. Photo by Syd Greenberg.



CHIANG Kai-shek is surrounded by camera fans at Kutsing, China. Chiang was ← → one of most photographed dignitaries in CBI. Photo by Syd Greenberg.

ATC C-46 crossing the "First Ridge" of The Hump enroute to China with supplies. Thousands of such missions were ← → made between India and China before the Stilwell Road was opened. Air Force photo.



Flying Tigers

LABORING coolies working on the stone-crushing process at a China air base, seldom even → glance up as planes take-off and land constantly. Air Force Photo.



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THE JAPANESE feared the Flying Tigers but created one of their own. The above Jap plane was shot down while on a photo reconnaissance mission. Air Force photo.



DRAMATIC PICTURE shows "Jing Bow" (air raid) at a China base. Pilots racing for their ships wear a variety of facial expressions. Note pilot at left scanning sky for Jap planes. Air Force photo.
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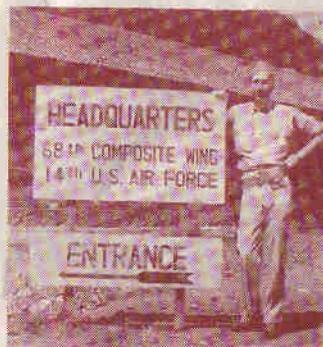
Flying Tigers



HUNDREDS OF COOLIES employed in building an air strip at an unidentified base in China. They are pulling a huge surface roller. Photo by Don Spitzer.



HERE'S A CLOSE-UP of the surface roller. Photo by Casimer Balcerzak.



HEADQUARTERS of 68th Composite Wing in China. Photo by David E. Sagi.

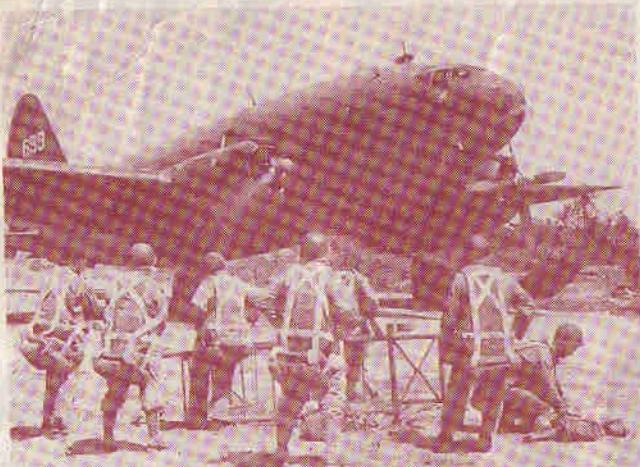


ABOVE TWO photos show sections of Kweilin air base. Note weird mountains in background. Photos by Boyd Sinclair.

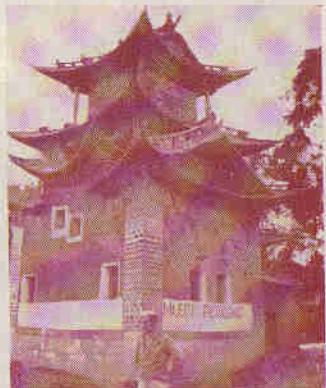


CHINESE girl does a thriving business selling cigarette butts to the poor of Kunming in 1944. The girl trims off the burned end of the butts with a pair of scissors. Acme Photo by Boyd Sinclair.

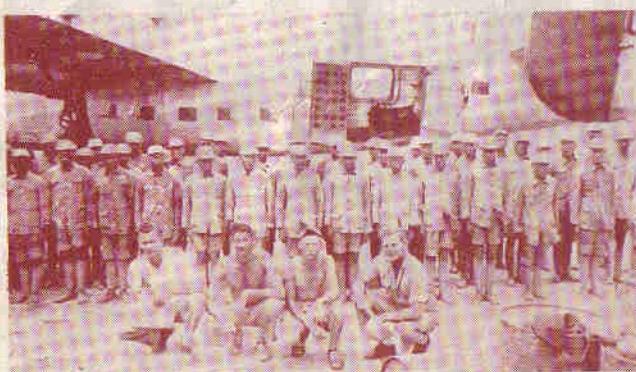
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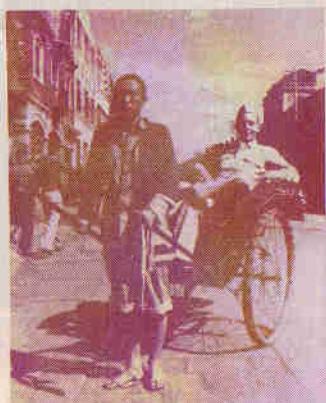
COMBAT TROOPS ready to board C-46 at an Upper Assam air base for the trip over The Hump. Not all troops were issued parachutes. Photo by Syd Greenberg.



CHINESE restaurant near air force base at Yunnanyi, China. The building is apparently a former temple. Photo by L. B. Larson.



CHINESE TROOP movements from A-3 air base in China to India. Plane is a converted B-24. Photo by Sidney L. Rodabaugh.



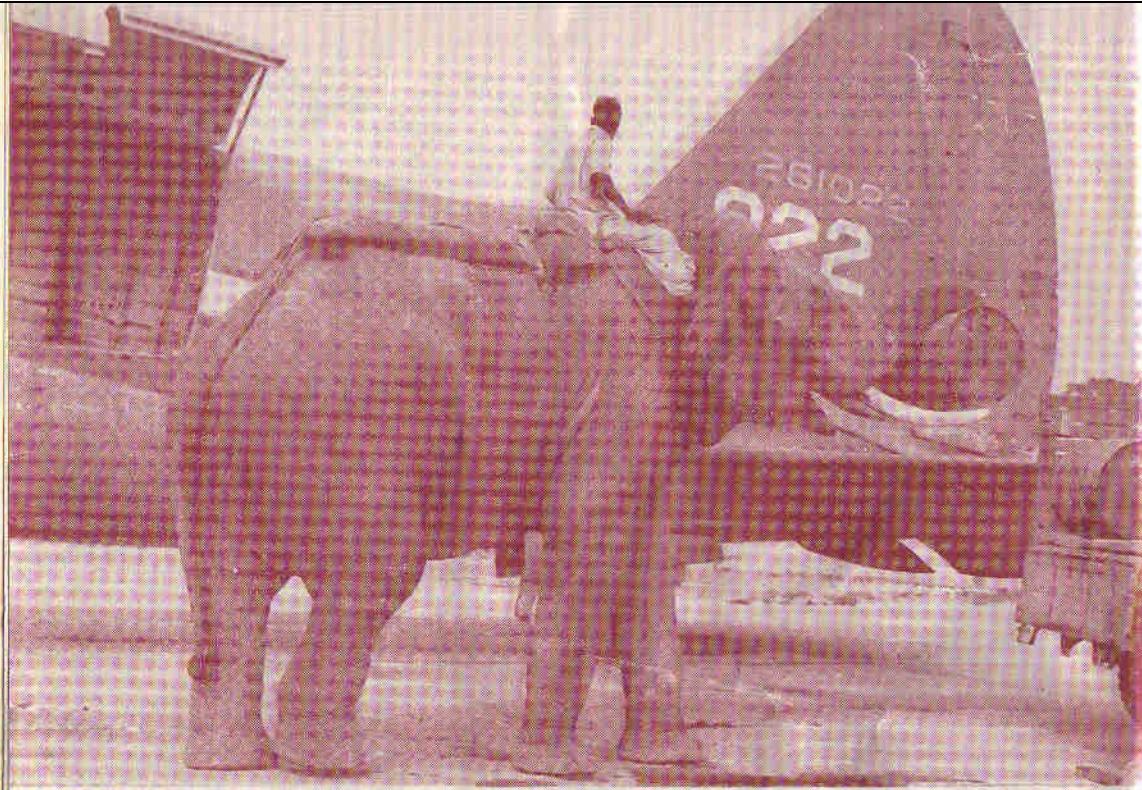
RICKSHAW coolie and fare at Kunming. Photo by L. Paulson.



CHINESE AND American troops in a joint U.S.-Chinese flag-raising ceremony at Kweilin air base, 1944. American GI's are 12th Air Service Group personnel. Photo by Boyd Sinclair.



CHINESE woman hauling water from stream near Kunming. Photo by Colaric.



MOST SUCCESSFUL TECHNIQUE of speeding war material to air force installations in China combined the workhorse of the jungle and the workhorse of the air. Elephants readily mastered the routine of transferring cargo from truck to plane. ATC's India-China Division found that one elephant could do the work of a dozen native coolies in loading drums of aviation gasoline aboard the C-46's that flew them over The Hump. Photo taken at 1328th AAF Base Unit, Misamiri, Assam, India, By Air Force.

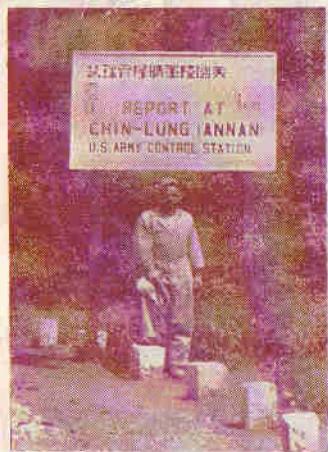
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AN AIR CORPS GI supervises gassing operation on the "Phyllis-D" at Paoshan, China. The elephant in the above picture worked a long time to load enough gasoline aboard the C-46 to fuel this B-25 for its next mission. Photo by Syd Greenberg.

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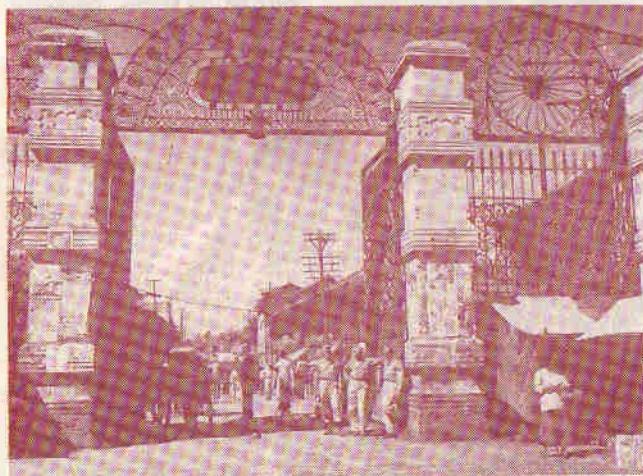
SIGN near end of Stillwell Road tells drivers where to report upon arrival at Kunming. Photo by J. Colaric.



CHINA-BASED GI's walking through the "Flower Circle" at Kunming. Temple-like structure in background is the Chinese Telephone Exchange Building, familiar landmark in the ancient city. Photo by Syd Greenberg.

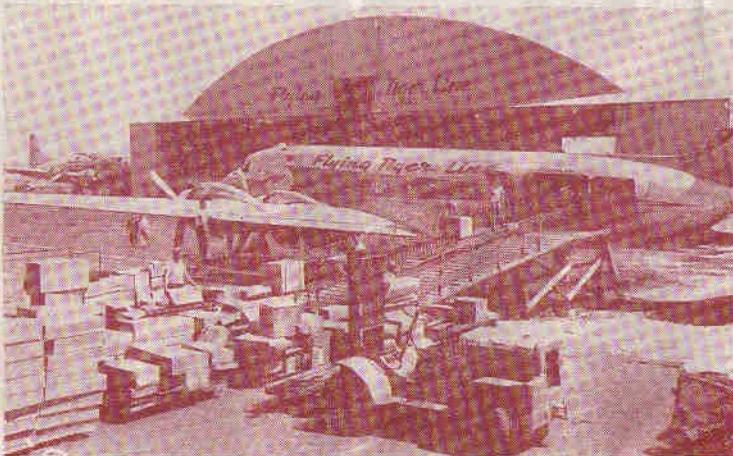


ONE OF THE MANY gates of Kunming, China, centuries old. Every CBI man and woman who visited Kunming passed through this arch. Photo by Syd Greenberg.



U.S. ARMY headquarters at Shanghai was housed in this modern building. Photo by L. Paulson.

Postwar Flying Tiger Line



WHEN the Pacific war terminated in September, 1945, some of the original American Volunteer Group men trained their sights on a business of their own... a flying business.

Robert W. Prescott, president of the Flying Tiger Line, Inc., who joined the AVG in Burma in 1941, organized the company in 1946 on a modest basis. Beset with many financial hardships during its first year in operation, the commercial cargo line valiantly took in stride the multitude of set-backs which included air crashes and accumulating debt.

By last year, the Flying Tiger Line had pulled out of debt and added much new equipment to their rapidly expanding cargo service.

The firm's offices are located at Lockheed Air Terminal, Burbank, California.

Most of the postwar Flying Tigers personnel are former AVG and 14th Air Force men, many with enviable combat records. Prescott, himself, had engaged in five major campaigns against the Japs, shot down six enemy planes while a Flight Leader with AVG. Later in the war, he flew 300 missions over The Hump carrying supplies for the China National Aviation Corporation (CNAC).

Today the Flying Tiger Line carries cargo from coast-to-coast, with terminals in many of the nation's largest cities. The firm is growing constantly and may soon join the ranks of the country's largest commercial airlines.

In peace, as in war, the Flying Tigers are doing a great job.

Flying Tigers



ROBERT W. PRESCOTT, president, (seated) and W. E. Bartling, vice-president look over the firm's books as the company goes "into the black."

ROBERT P. HEIDMAN, Senior Pilot, joined AVG in 1941, was the first American ace of World War II, having shot down five enemy planes on Dec. 21, 1941. Beside his combat record, Hedman flew 450 round trips over The Hump for CNAC.



THOMAS C. HAYWOOD, Senior Captain, is credited with the downing of five enemy planes and made over 400 trips over The Hump flying supplies for the China National Aviation Corporation. Prior to his service with the American Volunteer Group, he was a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.



CLIFFORD GROH, Senior Pilot with FTAL, resigned a Naval Commission in 1941 to enter service with the American Volunteer Group under Chennault. He is officially credited with shooting down two Japanese planes, also flew 442 missions flying supplies over The Hump for CNAC.

LEON COLQUETTE, Flight Maintenance, joined the AVG in 1941 as part of the ground force. He returned to the States upon the disbandment of AVG in 1942.



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Then we take a C-54, start 'er up, taxi out., etc. Nice scenes inside the cockpit, procedures, etc. We take off over "The Hump," see a C-46 in flight, two scenes of "The Hump." Landing at Kunming, see scenes of activity and then the return and landing at Calcutta.

A DAY OFF FOR THE CREW, this is where you have a true picture of life in India. One of the best scenes is the Calcutta riots which was the beginning of the freedom from British rule. All of the scenes of stopped street trams, mob in the square and the milling around of people makes very good viewing.

To see a movie of a burning ghat is one way to make you and your friends glad that you live in the U.S.A. To be more convincing, a scene of the Towers of Silence where the vultures eat the dead.

More pleasant scenes are the Hooghly river near the 28th Air Depot, boats, Jetty and Hastings Mills.

To you fellows who traveled by train, a reminiscing view of the "Fireball Express." To you who were able to visit Karachi, a scene of the Zeppelin hangar, both aerial and ground.

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New Movie on GI Burma Mule

A new picture entitled "Francis," a talking army mule, starring Donald O'Connor and John McIntyre, has been announced by Universal Studios.

The movie is a comedy which takes place in the Burma jungles during the war. An ex-officer who served under Gen Stilwell was engaged to act as technical adviser on the picture.

Scenes from "Francis" appearing on this page were secured through courtesy of Edw. F. Mintzer, Commander of the Los Angeles CBIVA Basha. World Premiere was held at New Orleans Feb. 1



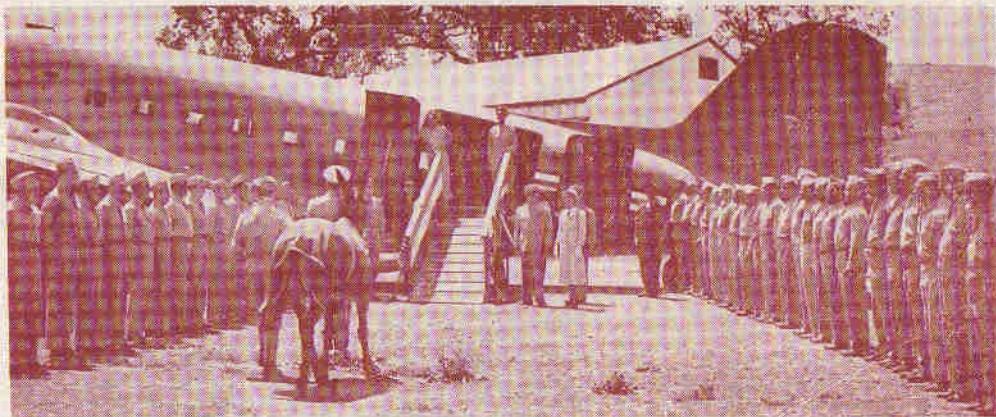
Donald O'Connor is seeking his lost pal, Francis, the GI Mule.



GI talks to Francis, who seems to understand every word being said. The super-intelligent mule is smiling in apparent approval.



Francis is introduced to Lt. Gen. Stevens (John McIntyre) in a scene from the hilarious comedy. The CBI patch worn by the General is an authentic woven-metal product purchased in India.



The talking mule, which has made O'Connor a hero, prepares to board a C-47 for the trip home amidst honors of his outfit. Wording on side of plane erroneously reads "United States Air Force." During the war it was U.S. Army Air Corps.

To the Editor . . .

—Continued—

Apology

• I feel I owe an apology to Quillinan and The Roundup's readers for the caption and photo of the Australian Bushmen, supposed to be Assam Headhunters (Dec. issue, Page 8). This picture got into my collection of India somehow. Thanks to Quillinan, I am convinced they aren't Nagas.

CURTIS PERRY,
Dell, Ark.

Enjoys Letter

• Enjoyed letter in Dec., 1948, issue addressed to Major Bondurant from N.P. Anderson concerning Rev. White and conditions in that section of East Bengal.

FORREST STRINGER,
Alachua, Fla.

Memories

• . . . photos are good and interesting. Altho most of the writers of the letters are unknown to me, most every letter brings back some memory.

ALVA N. LUCAS,
New Albany, Ind.

Phoenix Like India?

• This is to report a change of address. I've transferred from my old job at the V. A. in Chicago to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation at Phoenix, Ariz. Enjoying the climate down here. It seems to be quite a bit like that of Karachi and the North Malir Desert!

WALT DeBLAIR,
Phoenix, Ariz.

No Trick Shot!

• I've seen the Indians perform some pretty incredible stunts, but the picture on page 27 (Sept.) looks like a trick shot to me. That big crate must weigh from 500 to 1,000 pounds.

OTTO TRELSTAD,
Mpls., Minn.

John Gala, who took the picture, says it's the real McCoy. Surely you couldn't be amazed after seeing a rickshaw walab run five miles or more without a rest?—ED.

• How's about a Reunion in good ol' New York City?

RALPH KATZ,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Lost Son

• Seek news of my son, Lt. Joseph Azat, 58th Ftr. Sq. Moran, India, missing in action on Oct. 5, 1944.

JOSEPH S. AZAT,
35 S. Dawes,
Kingston, Pa.

Old Buddy

• . . . on page 3 (Dec.) is an old friend who was in the same outfit with me, Vince Venutti. If possible will attend the 1950 Reunion.

THOMAS J. FORD,
Pitman, N.J.

Envelopes Now

• I received only the cover of the September issue.

AL. J. OERDING,
Wauwatosa, Wis.

Sorry, Al. Sent you another. That's why we're using envelopes now.—ED.

Idaho Basha

• Nothing but praise from the fellows here in Boise to whom I showed the September issue of The Roundup. There is already talk of forming a Boise Basha.

DON L. BURLEIGH,
Boise, Idaho.

Less Expensive!

• Reading The Roundup is just like taking a trip back to the Orient.

RAY C. MASSEY,
Mt. Vernon, Mo.
At least it's 2,000 times less expensive!—ED.

The Goose, Too?

• Everyone will remember Pat Corey who won the goose at the 1949 Reunion at Freeport. Had a letter from her and the goose is still living and will also attend the 1950 Reunion.

PAUL BURGE,
Ft. Worth, Texas.

Married Gauhati Girl

• Married the former Jean Faull of Gauhati, India, in Southport, England, on June 21, 1949. Now teaching high school here.

EDWARD W. HOPE,
Gambier, Ohio.

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Sydney L. Greenberg

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Ex-M. P. Goes Back to India

ON DECEMBER 4, 1949, the huge Pan-American World Airlines plane took off from New York's LaGuardia Airport. Happily aboard was John J. Gussak, New York attorney, who coincidentally, was one of the last CBI men to leave India and is probably one of the first to return.

Gussak, who served in CBI from July, 1944, to April, 1947, sweated-out the bloody riots of August, 1946, in Calcutta as a Lt. Col. with the Military Police. Now he had returned to Calcutta to attend a Hindu wedding and become the house guest of B. M. Bagri, wealthy industrialist for 60 days.

Because Gussak has accomplished what many an ex-CBI man has hoped to do some day (return to the Orient), The Roundup requested pictorial rights to his stay in India that we, too, might enjoy an "armchair tour" of postwar India.

These photos will be available for the next issue of Ex-CBI Roundup.

The following letter was received by The Roundup after Gussak had been gone only one week. The editors believe it will bring back many memories:

"Although I got out of India OK in the Spring of 1947, I had wanted to return to the stamping grounds of our old CBI-ers for some time, but it took an invitation from my good friend Bagri to spark the jet which propelled me.

"The air trip was via Shannon, London, Brussels, Damascus, Karachi, New Delhi and, finally Calcutta.

"In New Delhi I parted company with the well-known actor, Paul Lucas, who had also come aboard at New York bound for New Delhi to take part in the production of "Kim," which is to be shot in that area.

"We landed at Calcutta—Dum Dum Civil Airport. No Americans in sight, only some very efficient Indian officials. No MP's and no RTO's and no Air Corps wallahs. Only my good friend Bagri and his entourage to greet me. In about a half-hour we were off down the road to Calcutta.



"The old familiar sights . . . and smells . . . and recollections. The same old cows . . . or bullocks . . . the same old swerves to avoid hitting them. The same old street sweepers bending over their witches' brooms . . . stirring up the usual dust clouds. The shops, tea and otherwise . . . overloaded buses with people hanging on by their eyebrows. Beggars here and there.

"Karaya Road! How many unfortunate GI's caught in these brothels were "deported" back to Assam, acting as "train guards" while enroute by train? It wasn't much fun, but neither was V. D.

"Beyond that we came to congested five points, or, as the Indians know it, Shambazar. And it is still jammed with waiting buses and no end of pedestrian and other traffic. What GI driver doesn't remember the stubborn pedestrian traffic which seemed to resent the approach of a vehicle as tho an infringement of their personal rights and liberties.

"But, through them and on down Chittaranjan or Central avenue past the little Hindu temple in the middle of the road, and much further down, approached the Hindusthan Building, old U.S. Army headquarters during the war, with the Chungwah restaurant across the street. The Hindusthan building has been cleaned up now and with a big efficient-looking sign appears as a modern office building which it now is. I looked in vain for the old PX we used to have in that building. No, the Americans have definitely gone home — everyone finally had enough points!

"And then it was Chowringee Road and the Maidan. I didn't have time to look for the Great Eastern or Grand Hotel or Firpo's but more about them later.

"On to my friend's compound across the dock section, down Garden Reach Road to the Matia-bruz section. There were the high

MR. GUSSAK is greeted by PAA Hostess, Miss Marge Husar, upon boarding Calcutta plane. Photo by Syd Greenberg.

walls surrounding the cotton mills and a platoon of Indian guards proudly presented arms. The "C.O." rendered a snappy highball and we were in.

"Incidentally, this section was the scene of much carnage during the great killings of 1946, where nearly 10,000 Indians—Hindu and Moslem—lost their lives in Calcutta alone. About 750 were killed not far from these gates.

"And so to bed. But there's the familiar bed and mosquito bars. Remember the huts of Assam and the charpoys? But always the mosquito bar.

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Raja Denounces Roundup



THE PHOTO above shows (left to right) Ellsworth Green, Jr., Krishna Nehru Hutheesing and Raja Hutheesing. The prominent Indians were guests at the home of CBIVA Commander Green at Kansas City, Kans., in December.

Commander Green's hospitality was "repaid" that same evening the Raja, after reading two issues of Ex-CBI Roundup, publicly denounced Commander Green and The Roundup in his lecture to a Kansas City group.

The Roundup, Raja Hutheesing declared, published humorous pictures of holy cows and printed other uncomplimentary things about India.

If the publishing of photos which show Calcutta's sacred cows walking on sidewalks and blocking thoroughfares is considered humorous, then The Roundup pleads guilty to this crime. Nonetheless, it is true.

If the description of streets and districts in India are published as being filthy and disease-ridden, the editors again are guilty of stating the truth.

The Raja failed to point out that The Roundup compliments where tribute is due, such as the flattering description of Darjeeling, Kashmir and the magnificent temples of both Hindus and Moslems.

Typical reaction to the Raja's Kansas City lecture is contained in a statement by one of our solid thinkers who said, "He preached tolerance and demonstrated intolerance."

Trip To India . . .

In the morning, into a sound sleep intrudes the reoter with "Chai, Sahib?" And, of course, it was the inevitable cup of tea and a banana. This I'll have to get used to.

"My host, being busy with preparations for his daughter's wedding, is delightfully tied-up and I'm on my own for a few days. Went back to Dum Dum airport for a few photo shots. Looked around but couldn't find the old Red Cross hut.

Took a couple of shots of the Great Eastern and also the former Red Cross building (Burra Club) on Dalhousie Square. The building which housed the Negro Red Cross has been torn down.

Stopped in at the Grand Hotel. There was the little old hunchback who used to wear a uniform and work the front of the building for 'baksheesh'. He is still there, but without the uniform.

Then, while one of the kids solicited me with 'dam-good-shine,' I let him, and another kid steps up and whispers in the old furtive manner, 'Schoolteacher, Sahib?' Why must it always be a schoolteacher? What's so special about their ability in those directions? I chased him away. Really, I did!

"Then I went in for a drink. But as I told the waiter 'Chota peg Scotch,' he answered, 'Sorry, Sahib — no drinking sold on Thursdays.' What do you know about that? Prohibition in India on Thursdays! So I had to take a lemon squash!

"That's all, brother!"

IN NEXT ISSUE—

Complete Picture Story

of Gussak's Trip to India.

Don't Miss it!

Six Bashas Chartered By CBI Vets Assn.

Six bashas and one state department have been chartered by the China-Burma-India Veterans Association since the second reunion last August. Ellsworth Green, national commander has discontinued reviewing activities of the association in 1949.

Recognized organizations have been set up in Freeport, Ill.; Fulton County, New York; Los Angeles, California; Milwaukee and Madison, Wis., and Anchorage, Alaska. The Wisconsin Club is the only state department thus far set up.

Editor . . .

— ruined —

"Buckshees"

Once coming back to the States I have written a song entitled "Buckshees" which a name band leader is contemplating recording and we believe it is going to be a song hit.

BRUCE M. RYAN,
Boise, Idaho.

China-Burma, Too!

Herewith my renewal. . . As I have gone over past issues, I notice a tendency towards depositing largely matters of interest to those who served in India. Certainly the reason we had Americans in India was to support and supply those of us in Burma and China who were at the end of the line. I still remember well-stocked PX's in Assam and the few second rate candy bars and other least desirable that trickled over The Hump. Why not put someone on the staff to write for the China hands, and remember that we didn't call the mud houses we lived in "Bashas." Yours for building a better organization and improving your fine magazine.

L. A. BURBANK,
Lt. Col., Ord.,
Ft. Hamilton, N.Y.

Col. Burbank's gripe is well founded and he is not alone in his hope for more China photos. The Roundup hastens to explain that at least 70 percent of CBI troops served in India, therefore accounting for the larger number of India photos received by The Roundup for publication. However, with the influx of over 1,000 new subscribers in recent months, more China and Burma photos have been received and a better balanced magazine is assured for future issues.—ED.

I'm sending the Dec. issue in a "circle" letter to five Ex-China buddies of mine in five different states.

JOHN W. LEE
Washington, Ia.

Familiar Pics

Have read the 1949 Reunion Edition from cover to cover and enjoyed it so much I am now subscribing for it. Some of the pictures were very familiar, such as the Gateway to India. Anyone formerly connected with the 181st Gen. Hosp. at Karachi, let's hear from you.

AGNES J. TRATNIK, ANC,
Birmingham Vet. Hosp.,
Van Nuys, Calif.

Wants Both

While getting my car serviced at Glacier Park, I learned the filling station proprietor was a fellow CBI veteran, and told him about the Association and The Roundup. He wants both. **GRENVILLE BEARDSLEY,** Chicago, Ill.

Jinx Falkenburg

I think your Ex-CBI Roundup is terrific—and it's such fun to catch up on the doings of "some of the many." I'd give anything to see you all. How about a next Reunion in New York?

JINX FALKENBURG McCRARY,
21 E. 63rd St.,
New York 21, N.Y.

Where Are They?

What happened to all of the fellows who served with the Gunnery School at Karachi and Malir? Also the 89th Fighter Squadron stationed at Malir?

BILL MICHAEL,
Charleston, Ill.

We can't say about the Gunnery School, but the 89th is well represented by a publication entitled "Burma Banshee," being distributed by Brad Shuman, Horsehead Inn, Palmerton, Pa.—ED.

List CBI Books

The Roundup should list all the books published about CBI that would interest us. Most fellows have heard of some of the books, but not all. A fairly good list in The Roundup would be a big help.

DUDLEY P. JONES,
Worchester, Mass.

It's on our calendar for the future.—ED.

Gen. Merrill

Enclosing \$1 for subscription renewal.

FRANK D. MERRILL,
Concord, N.H.

Maj. Gen. Merrill (*Merrill's Marauders*) is now Highway Commissioner, State of New Hampshire.—ED.

BACK ISSUES!

The following back issues of EX-CBI Roundup are available to those who wish to complete their files: March, 1948, issue exhausted. June and December, 1948, supply limited. HURRY!

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To the Editor . . .

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Ehret Cartoons

• Was happy to hear that you consider my CBI Roundup cartoons worthy of re-publication. I would consider it an honor and a privilege to have them appear in Ex-CBI Roundup and you have my permission to use as many of them as you wish.

WENDELL EHRET,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Friend Ehret, a member of the Los Angeles Basha CBIVA, created the famous cartoon series, "Strictly GI," which appeared in the CBI Roundup during the war. We regret that we were unable to reproduce the cartoons from the original newspaper due to the poor quality of printing by the Indian publishers. We have appealed to Ehret for the original cartoons which we hope to use later.—ED.

Missing in Action

• Would appreciate hearing from someone who knew my son, Lt. Samuel V. Alwine, who was reported missing in action in Burma as of Oct. 18, 1943. He was with HQ, 5503rd Prov. Combat Troops.

Mrs. S. V. ALWINE,
327 Brandon,
Greensburg, Pa.

20th General Reunion

• I have been making arrangements for our "September Group" of nurses of the 20th General Hospital for their annual Reunions. They have all been successful and everyone enjoyed a good time. Our next Reunion will be held in New Orleans, La., in February, 1952, and all our members will attend the Mardi Gras and the ball. Relatives and friends are invited. Further information can be obtained by writing me.

Mrs. JOSEPH WALCK
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Hazelton, Pa.

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888th Man Dead

• This item may be of interest to the fellows of 888th Ord.: John Adam Thomas, Hilda, Mo., passed away July 22nd from a heart attack. He served 27 months in CBI.

C. P. COOPER,
Forsyth, Mo.

5307th Unit

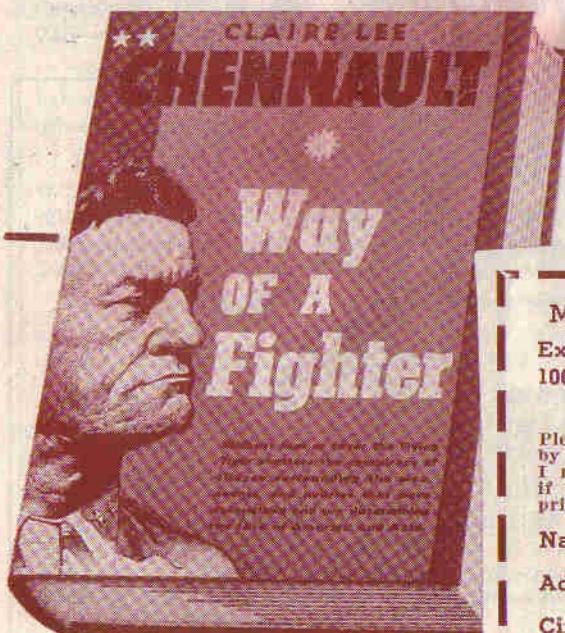
• Anyone who knew T-Sgt. Richard E. Roe, 5307th Prov. Comp. Unit, who was killed in action June 16, 1944, at Myitkyina, please contact his mother.

Mrs. RICHARD A. ROE,
R. D. 3, Elm Grove,
Wheeling, W. Va.

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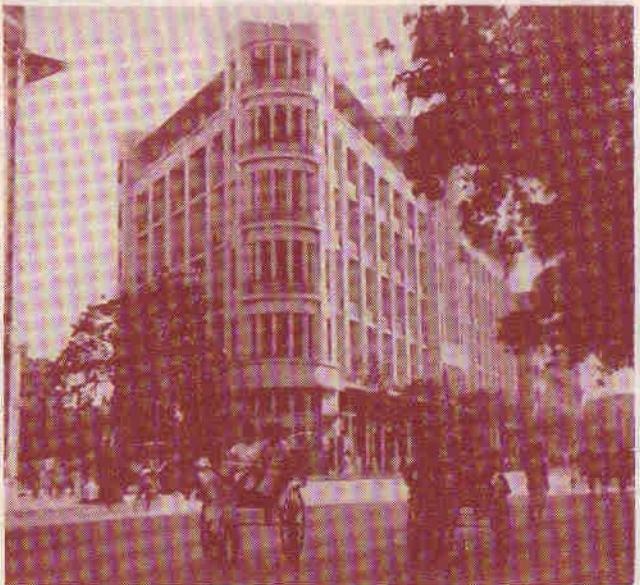
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MURDER!

THE PATHETIC scene shown below took place Aug. 17, 1946, the day after bloody riots between Hindus and Moslems broke out in Calcutta. The photo, taken in an alleyway opposite the Calcutta Hospital of Tropical Diseases on Chittaranjan avenue, shows Lt. Col. John J. Gussack and S/Sgt. C. E. Manby photographing the pile of Hindu bodies thrown onto an oxcart for removal to the burning ghat. A portion of the body in foreground was censored by The Roundup. Dhotis were torn from the Hindu rickshaw wallahs in efforts to determine whether they were Hindu or Moslem, since neither side wanted to murder their own people. Photo by Nat Kantor.



HINDUSTHAN BUILDING, Calcutta, U.S. Army Headquarters during the war, said to be one of the city's most beautiful business buildings. Photo by Walter DeBlair.





MOTOR car which traveled down the Bengal & Assam RR tracks between Pani-tola and Dibrugarh. Photo by C. E. Booker.

How Slow?

● Third year of publication and you just get around to tell us of it? You're slower than Gen. Sun Chen going thru Jambo Bum, if possible. In any event, please get me started.

NELLUS A. RHODES,
Saegertown, Pa.

To the Editor . . .

—Continued—

Engine Trouble

● One picture in the Sept issue brought back memories of some excitement. The picture of a small locomotive (elephant loading logs on a flatcar) . . . this locomotive was the heaviest one piece of equipment that was hauled over the Ledo Road. It left Ledo and was nearly three weeks going 500 miles by diesel truck and trailer. The Japs had destroyed all locomotives in Burma and the engine, along with another, was shipped from the States . . . about 30 miles from Ledo the trailer and engine started to slip over the edge of the mountain. Boys in my company (?) saved this engine from destruction by pulling it back on the road with a tractor. Maybe some of the other boys will remember this.

HARRY A. PIZZINI,
Richmond, Va.

Price Too High

● . . . we will be very glad to send you any type of pictures you may wish for publication in Ex-CBI Roundup . . . anyone interested in retaining any of our photographs for their personal use may do so at \$1.00 per print.

E. C. MacFarlane,
Government of India
Information Services
Washington, D.C.

The Roundup acknowledges with thanks MacFarlane's kind offer to loan us photos for publication, gratis. But we cannot recommend the purchasing by our subscribers of any of their hundreds of prints at \$1.00 each. Most shots are poor and the price exorbitant. Finally, we'll bet we've just lost a source of borrowing photos for opening our big gaps! —ED.

\$2 For One Issue

● Will pay \$2.00 cash for the April, 1947, issue of The Roundup needed to complete my file. Don't print my address as I don't want to be deluged with copies of that issue—only want one!

BOB CHASE,
(City withheld).

There were only 700 copies of that issue printed. Perhaps someone may want to sell his. Send it to The Roundup for forwarding.

What's The Name?

● The picture on page 12, Dec., 1949, issue, shows a section of the Stilwell Road called "24 Steps." It is actually on the Burma Road in China.

C. W. KEENER,
Holden, W. Va.

Leleo Road, Burma Road, Stilwell Road, Pick's Pike—it's had so many names most anything could be correct. We now learn it has been renamed "The Friendly Road" by an Indian who is currently clearing the highway.—ED.

● In the Dec. issue you have a letter from Mary Camp Graham. How well I remember her! Hi, Mary!

FELIX B. DeVREESE,
Los Angeles, Calif.

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To The Editor

Attitude Changed

● My pessimistic pre-attitude towards your magazine has completely changed and I am more than happy to say that your efforts in reuniting former CBI members is a job well done. Include me as a booster for a monthly magazine.

JOHN EVANOFF,
Massillion, Ohio,

Received from July 20 to
Dec. 10 a total of 1478
pleas for a monthly Ex-
CBI Roundup.—ED.

Gen. Pick at Party

● Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick attended a party by our Milwaukee Basha on Oct. 12. Color movies of both Reunions were shown by courtesy of Joseph Mecca of Gloversville, N.Y.

LESTER J. DENCKER,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Renewed Tonic

● . . . each issue is a renewed tonic of nostalgia that overcomes me.

MARTIN L. TREPP,
St. Louis, Mo.

Caniff Cartoon

● Is it possible to secure a copy of Milton Caniff's cartoon which appeared in the September, 1949, issue of Roundup?

GEORGE W. MAHONEY,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Very doubtful. The original is in the hands of the Assn. who probably have it framed for display.—ED.

Kunming Sisters

● . . . pictures were more or less familiar, especially scenes of Karachi and Calcutta, Kunming and Kweilang . . . the Protestant Lutheran sisters who had a mission at Kunming are now in the States on furlough.

G. D. VAN TASSELL,
Winterport, Me.

Congratulations

● Congrats on completion of three successful years of Ex-CBI Roundup! May the ensuing years bring even greater success.

WHITFORD T. FRY, Jr.,
Ft. Worth, Texas.

Burma Chaplain

● Spent 22 months in CBI, dividing the time between two extremes; 16 months in Shingbwiyang with the 73rd Evac. Hosp. and the rest in New Delhi. As Chaplain in Burma, I covered about 90 miles of the Stilwell Road. Now working as a Missionary Priest thruout the middle west and I get to see quite a few of the old Burma crowd.

Fr. Cyril Jablonovsky,
Detroit, Mich.

Lowell Thomas

● As we were listening to Lowell Thomas from Tibet in his nightly recorded broadcast, we thought of your fine magazine which prompts this letter. Thomas told of viewing the Brahmaputra River somewhat west and a little north of the territory so familiar to fellows stationed in the Dian-Chabua area of Upper Assam.

WM. A. BLAIR,
Cleveland, Ohio.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

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Los Angeles Basha Organized

The recently organized Los Angeles Basha of the CBI Veterans Association will be host at the California State CBI Veterans Convention, scheduled to be held July 13-16, 1950, it was announced by Edward F. Mintzer, Commander.

Vets in the West Coast vicinity who plan to attend should contact Mintzer for further details (5122 So. Van Ness, L.A. 37, Calif.)

Since its activation the Los Angeles Basha has attended a sneak preview of a new CBI film ("Francis") and has had the leading star (a mule) as guest of honor at one of the Basha's social affairs.

The Basha's official CBI insignia shown in the two photos on this page was created by Mrs. Mintzer, wife of the Commander.

A portion of the Basha's membership is shown below. Names of these members were not available.



Newly elected officers of the Los Angeles Basha are (left to right): Robert Allison, Finance Officer; Val Lash, Public Relations Officer; Edward F. Mintzer, Commander; Kathryn L. Kurka, Adjutant; and Wendell Ehret, Provost Marshal.

